

FIRST BLOOD FOR PRESIDENT TAFT AT NATIONAL CONVENTION

Senator Root Elected Temporary Chairman, 558 to 502, After a Fierce Fire of Invektive by Roosevelt Leaders

"THE VOTE TOO CLOSE TO BE COMFORTABLE"

Taft Leaders Still Confident, However, That They Will Be Able to Continue Control of Convention—Convention Characterized by Wild Turmoil and Outbursts of Temper—Spectators and Delegates Hoot, Hiss and Jeer Speakers—Negro Delegates Support Root—Connecticut Delegation Solid For Taft Candidate—Roosevelt Says That He is a Better Warrior Than a Prophet—Hughes Won't Accept Nomination if It is Offered Him.

Chicago, June 18.—Against the threats, charges and bitter invective of the Roosevelt forces, the Taft supporters in the republican national convention today put through the first portion of their programme by electing Senator Elihu Root of New York as temporary chairman.

Both sides claiming victory. The calling of the roll was beset with difficulties from the very first name on the list of delegates, but in the end, when the tumult died away, Senator Root was found to have won by a vote of 558 to 502 for Gov. Francis E. McGovern of Wisconsin, with fourteen scattering votes and four no votes. Tonight both the Taft and Roosevelt forces are claiming that this vote indicates that their candidate is absolutely sure to win. The advantage appears to be with the Roosevelt forces, however, for while he is sure to lose some of the votes that were cast for Senator Root, it is claimed that he will gain, in instructions to delegates, some of the votes independently cast for McGovern.

Still Talk of "Dark Horse."

Those leaders who have been urging a compromise candidate ever since they arrived in Chicago are pointing to another angle in the fight and claim that they show that it is essential to have a so-called "dark horse" to save the day for the republican party. While Mr. Root made chairman today and managed to deliver his "key" speech, the fighting is to be renewed at 11 o'clock tomorrow when the motion of the Roosevelt leaders to substitute a new list of delegates, which seated in some of the contested cases heard before the national committee is to be taken up as the unfinished business. No compromise candidate named tonight and none will be until this motion to "purge" the convention of "fraudulent delegates" is disposed of. Today it is expected that on a point of order, but the Roosevelt forces declare that parliamentary practice will not be permitted to stand in their way tomorrow.

Possibility of Split Seems Remote.

The Roosevelt people and the Taft people carried out their programmes as announced in advance almost to the letter. The Roosevelt people say tonight they are going to fight every inch of the way.

Fierce Battle Expected Today.

California, under the leadership of Gov. Hiram Johnson, assumed a belligerent attitude with the start of the roll call when two Roosevelt delegates from the Fourth district, nominated by the national committee, were not allowed to vote. But they confined their protest to silence, the two votes for Root were cast, and the movement in the state upon the vote cast for McGovern. Later Pennsylvania fell into the breach and made a fierce protest against the vote of the representative. There is a prospect, however, of either even more bitter struggle tomorrow, when, as "unfinished business," the convention will take up a motion of Governor Hadley of Missouri to strike from the temporary roll of the convention as prepared by the national committee, the names of ninety-two delegates in contested cases, and substitute those of the Roosevelt contestants.

Rulings Announced by Megaphone.

The chaplain had hardly finished his invocation of the divine blessing upon the convention, before Governor Hadley was on his feet, objecting to the personnel of the convention itself. This led to a long and intricate parliamentary argument.

Chairman Roosevelt of the national committee, upon whose shoulders has fallen the ordinarily perfunctory duty of calling the convention to order, presenting the recommendations of the committee for temporary officers, of the convention, found himself with an able-bodied job of presiding over what seemed likely to be a turbulent and passionate war of factions. He was not in good voice; but trumpet-voiced clerks with megaphones did all the necessary announcements, including the chairman's initial ruling upon the Hadley objection.

Chairman Roosevelt's Ruling.

This ruling was to the effect that until the national committee had presented the temporary roll, made up from the credentials from the individual states and districts and its judgment upon contests, there was no convention. The gathering was a mere mass meeting, nothing could be done until a preliminary organization had been effected by the selection of a presiding officer. He said that absolutely no business was in order save the choice of such an officer. He said he had no desire to be arbitrary in his ruling and would allow twenty minutes to each side to present arguments on the subject.

These arguments were presented by Governor Hadley and ex-Governor Felt of New Jersey on the Roosevelt

the selection of a temporary chairman was as follows by states:

Alabama—Root 27; McGovern 2.	Michigan—Root 15; McGovern 10; absent 1.
Arizona—Root 8.	Minnesota—McGovern 24.
Arkansas—Root 17; McGovern 10.	Mississippi—Root 16; McGovern 20.
California—Root 20; McGovern 14.	Montana—Root 8.
Colorado—Root 14.	Nebraska—McGovern 16.
Connecticut—Root 14.	Nevada—Root 14.
Delaware—Root 6.	New Hampshire—Root 8.
Florida—Root 12.	New Jersey—McGovern 25.
Georgia—Root 23; McGovern 6.	New Mexico—Root 6; McGovern 2.
Idaho—McGovern 5.	New York—Root 57; McGovern 15.
Illinois—Root 30; McGovern 49.	North Carolina—Root 13; McGovern 10.
Indiana—Root 20; McGovern 10.	North Dakota—McGovern 9; Houser 1.
Iowa—Root 16; McGovern 12.	Ohio—Root 14; McGovern 24.
Kansas—Root 14; McGovern 12.	Oklahoma—Root 4; McGovern 16.
Kentucky—Root 23; McGovern 3.	Oregon—Root 3; McGovern 6; absent 1.
Louisiana—Root 20.	Pennsylvania—Root 12; McGovern 64.
Maine—McGovern 12.	Rhode Island—Root 10.
Maryland—Root 8; McGovern 5.	South Carolina—Root 11; McGovern 7.
Massachusetts—Root 18; McGovern 18.	South Dakota—McGovern 10.
Michigan—Root 15; McGovern 10; absent 1.	Texas—Root 23; McGovern 1.

Roll Call Consumed Three Hours. The Roosevelt men made no further opposition to this rule, and the roll call was begun at 2:35. The name of every individual delegate called and it consumed three hours; yet every step of the proceedings was heard with the keenest interest. The Roosevelt men did the best they could. They demanded the omission of the name of every one of the delegates selected to, on the ground that he had been improperly seated by the national committee. The Taft men, on the other hand, tracked motion of Governor Hadley; but the roll call went on mercilessly, sometimes amid deafening choruses. The shouting of emotions, as applause and cheers greeted one vote after another. With Oregon's three for Taft and six for McGovern, the national committee stood at 36, but Pennsylvania's 64 for McGovern threw the balance the other way, and the advantage remained with McGovern until Tennessee was reached, when the Root advantage reappeared with a not plurality of 19.

Patrick Halloran Cast Deciding Vote.

Thenforward the margin in Root's favor increased, and with the vote of Patrick Halloran in the Washington district, cast for Root at 5:58 p. m., amid a storm of cheers from the Taft followers, the total vote for the New York senator reached the necessary 558, and the Taft victory—at least in the matter of the temporary chairman—was assured.

Aside from the practical absence of the "rough house" tactics which had been so elaborately prepared for by the heavy police guard, and the extraordinary pains of the national committee officers to guard against outbursts of any kind, there were several remarkable things about the convention. It was desperately serious business from beginning to end. There were none of the long periods of uproar which lately have become a feature of political conventions. On the contrary, there was a marked tenseness and an atmosphere surcharged with watchfulness.

Well Known Leaders Jeered Root.

Well known leaders came in the hall unnoticed; there was entire absence of tributes of applause by state delegations to "favorite sons." The crowd gathered behind the speaker, and gave for the music of the band there was nothing but the undertone of conversation. After Root's election, when he came upon the stand, the welcome to him lasted perhaps thirty seconds. And when he began his speech Pennsylvania showed its bitterness toward him with jeers and caustic remarks which went far to discount the courtesy of his reception. There was one promise of real trouble, when State Senator Flinn compelled the repetition of the call of the Pennsylvania delegates, fighting the vote of one of the alternates who, he said, was being called out of proper order. The point was that the man called and who voted was not the man on the list of alternates from that district who had been voted for McGovern.

Only the national committee's recommendations for temporary officers of the convention was adopted without dissent. Mr. Watson moved the usual procedure for the appointment of committees. Governor Hadley presented as a resolution for the substitution of 67 delegates from the Roosevelt list and the whole matter was covered as "unfinished business" for tomorrow's session.

The Day's Work Unfinished.

When Senator Root finished, amid long continued applause, pursuant to an agreement between the leaders of the factions, the business of appointing committees and other proceedings naturally belonging to today's work went over until tomorrow.

ROLLCALL BY STATES.

How Delegations Split up on Election of Temporary Chairman.

Chicago, June 18.—The roll call on

this convention itself shall say who shall sit in it.

"It is in the power of 27 then to say who shall sit in this convention arbitrarily and without appeal, then we have reached the end of representative government," the speaker declared.

A round of cheers greeted this attack on the national committee. The delegates listened to Hadley with quiet attention.

"We know but one government in this country," he said. "Government by political party. If a political convention can be controlled by a group of men within the party, then we have established political oligarchy. Then have we given a few men control over party and convention?"

E-Governor Fort Argued Point.

Governor Hadley closed in a storm of applause, and ex-Governor Fort of New Jersey took up the argument.

Mr. Fort did not get far in his argument before the crowd began to laugh and cheer. He was making the mistake of answering the galleries, which clearly held a big preponderance of Taft sympathizers. He was making the mistake of claiming they were packed. Mr. Fort was constantly interrupted after that.

"That's right," he shouted; "try to make a point of order when he is here fighting fraud."

Fort said it was the duty of every man to vote that the convention has the power to determine whether or not the president of the convention was such as the convention would accept.

"Sit down!" again shouted the galleries.

"I appeal to the members of this"

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TOO CLOSE FOR COMFORT.

Taft Managers, However, Expect to Continue Their Control.

Chicago, June 18.—The Taft managers tonight privately admitted that the vote on the election of Senator Root as temporary chairman was "too close to be comfortable," although they would not admit that they were in danger of losing control of the convention.

"Today's vote showed unmistakably that we had control," said Director McKinley, who hurried into conference with his aides.

"Will you keep the delegates in line?" he was asked.

Certainly. The lineup will be prearranged. All we want is more votes. The defeat today will discourage the other side," was the reply.

Every effort of the Taft managers was directed tonight toward holding firm to a narrow majority of 558, by which Root's election was accomplished. McKinley, Taft partisan, tonight planned the real Taft majority in the convention at between six and ten.

Director McKinley Called in All of his Workers.

Director McKinley called in all of his workers and urged them to their utmost to keep the line. They were to be ready to fight for Taft forces today, was jubilant in the belief that he had made certain the defeat of Roosevelt. He declared that the Taft majority would be secured by the vote of the national committee which read the call of this convention.

Hadley Rises for Information.

The moment the call was completed Governor Hadley of Missouri, the Roosevelt force, who led the fight for Taft forces today, was jubilant in the belief that he had made certain the defeat of Roosevelt. He declared that the Taft majority would be secured by the vote of the national committee which read the call of this convention.

James E. Watson of Indiana, Taft floor leader, followed him.

In the meantime William Barnes, Jr., of New York, who has been a Taft leader, made a point of order. He shouted, "I make a point of order!" he shouted, but was not recognized.

Watson Raises Point of Order.

Governor Hadley then stated his question, which involved the substitution of a roll of delegates prepared by the Roosevelt force for the temporary roll prepared by the national committee.

"I rise to inquire whether the national committee has framed for this convention a proper temporary roll," said Hadley.

James E. Watson, Taft floor leader, interrupted, saying:

"I rise to a question of information," answered Governor Hadley. "Previous to making a motion. Until I had made that motion there was nothing to make a point of order against. I still have the right to make the chair."

Again the cheers broke out.

Governor Hadley then presented his formal motion, to take from the temporary roll the delegates and substitutes of the Roosevelt delegates in certain contested states.

Mr. Watson renewed his point of order before the list was read.

Cabled Paragraphs

WORLD'S RECORD MADE.

Paris, June 18.—A world's record for altitude for dirigible balloons was made today by the scout dirigible Conte, an airship belonging to the French army, which attained a height of 9,935 feet.

OCEANIC'S SAILING CANCELLED.

Southampton, Eng., June 18.—The sailing of the Oceanic, under command of Captain J. H. Mearns, which is scheduled to leave here tomorrow by way of Cherbourg and Queenstown for New York, has been cancelled owing to the dock strike.

CHINESE LOAN AGREEMENT.

Paris, June 18.—An agreement on the subject of the Chinese loan was reached this afternoon by the delegates of the groups of international bankers representing the United States, Great Britain, France, Germany, Russia and Japan.

PRESIDENT OF LEPER REPUBLIC.

Manila, June 18.—The first president of the leper republic in the world, Michael Whalen, the only American leper on the island of Cullin in the Philippines, who was today elected chief executive of the republic which the Philippine government has organized to manage the affairs of the leper colony.

laurel by a woman who gave her name to the police as Katherine Soli. At the police station she was found to have \$1,000 sewed in her pockets in her underwear. Bryan's ticket was returned and the woman will be examined as to her sanity.

After taking the ticket she tried to enter the hall.

HUGHES EMPHATIC.

Will Not Accept Nomination if Offered to Him.

Lake Placid, N. Y., June 18.—That his decision not to permit the use of his name before the republican national convention at Chicago is final was made plain today by Associate Justice Charles E. Hughes of the United States supreme court, who is spending the summer at this Adirondack resort.

When seen at Camp Abenaki on Lake Placid by a representative of the Associated Press, Justice Hughes confirmed a report from New York that he had today telephoned friends at New York and telegraphed others at Chicago that he will not under any circumstances accept the nomination.

Justice Hughes stated that this decision is final. All he can do is to be absolutely without authority and he has positively forbidden it. He will not permit the supreme court of the United States to be brought into political controversy, he says, and he will not accept a nomination if it is offered him.

TAFT PROGRAMME.

Decision to Raise No Parliamentary Points Against Hadley Order.

Chicago, June 17.—Taft and Roosevelt leaders turned the midnight oil tonight analyzing again the results of the first test vote of the republican national convention with respect to its bearing on the presidential nomination.

It was the prevailing opinion that the Taft forces would be put out from the two headquarters, claims far in excess of the ledger figures which the leaders are attempting to keep a close secret within the inner circle.

Today came the first record lineup of the delegates. And yet it was far from convincing. So much so, in fact, that Taft leaders were well advised to sleep tonight, that neither Taft nor Roosevelt was likely to win on the first ballot. This sort of talk necessarily led to a widening of the roster about a compromise and a dark horse.

It appeared certain, however, that this discussion would amount to nothing but talk until a direct test of the strength of the opposing candidates themselves had been made.

The Taft forces in the convention today elected Senator Root as temporary chairman, 558 to 502 for Gov. Francis E. McGovern of Wisconsin. This was 38 more than a majority of the 1,078 delegates in the convention. It was realized from the first that the vote on Senator Root was a referendum on the Taft forces.

At one conference of the Taft leaders tonight it was said they had scaled down and cut out the doubtful votes from the Root total, and their final analysis showed 542 votes for the president, two more than enough to nominate. Even these figures, it was said, included a few "wobbly" delegates and might be changed.

The Roosevelt leaders were frankly surprised at the Root vote, and claimed they expected him to poll between 525 and 580 votes.

They professed tonight to be jubilant over their victory. The situation, but at the same time it was impossible for them to figure out on paper a majority for the colonel.

At a conference of the Taft leaders tonight it was decided that no parliamentary points of order should be made against the Hadley motion and that three hours should be allowed for debate. The motion will either be allowed to come to a vote on its merits or a motion made to refer the entire matter to the committee on credentials.

Funny Antics

On Yale Field

JOLLY TIME BY GRADUATES ON ALUMNI DAY.

THREW HAT INTO RING.

Graduate Penitents Roosevelt and Has Fiet Fight with a Delineator of Bryan—Pige and Poultry Chased.

New Haven, June 18.—The Yale graduates closed the festivities of alumni day at Yale with a general reunion and celebration tonight on the campus, the joy of the occasion being greatly heightened by the victory of the Yale nine over the Harvard team at the field in the afternoon. Earlier in the day the graduates attended the meeting of the alumni at Battell chapel, where they were addressed by President Arthur D. Hadley and others.

In the afternoon with the younger reunion classes in the fantastic costumes donned for the day marched to Yale field and after parading about the field took their seats in the grandstand. Incidentally the stands held one of the biggest crowds which has ever witnessed a game at Yale field.

Amusing Antics.

The antics of the various classes, as they marched in front of the stands preliminary to the game, brought forth roars of applause, particularly when a graduate, representing Theodore Roosevelt, entered the "ring" of 300 men, grouped in a circle about the home plate. He immediately threw his hat in the ring, and dared anyone to pick it up. A graduate, representing William Jennings Bryan, accepted the challenge, but was worsted in a fist fight, and was carried off the field. A suffragette then entered the arena and worsted the colonel, while the stands cheered.

Chased Pigs, Geese and Ducks.

The members of 1909 S were dressed as farmers, and brought on the field with them several little pigs, geese and ducks, which gave the members a merry chase before they were finally caught.

At the conclusion of the game the classes swarmed into the field and celebrated the victory by dancing about the field and then marched into the city.

\$8,000 Gift to Alumni Fund.

A gift from the class of 1887 tonight of \$8,000 to the alumni fund was announced. The largest gift from any class in many years. Twenty-three classes are back for the commencement exercises, the oldest class having been the class of 1882 tonight held a mock commencement exercises, conferred honorary degrees, etc.

Eight-Hour Day for "Hello" Girls.

Boston, June 18.—An eight-hour day to become effective not later than January 1, 1913, is promised the operators of the New England Telephone & Telegraph Co., in return for a concession tonight by President Jasper N. Keller.

In the sincerity of the principles we profess and the loyalty of our candidates to those principles, because we are the party of Lincoln, and Sumner, and Seward, and Andrew, and Morton, and Chandler, and Sherman, and Garfield, and Arthur, and Harrison, and Blaine, and Hoar, and McKinley.

We claim that we are entitled to a popular vote of confidence at the coming election, because we have demonstrated that we are the party of affirmative, constructive policies for the betterment and progress of our country in the modern world. We claim that we are the party of activity and influence of government can rightly enter. We claim it because we have shown ourselves a party of honest, efficient, and energetic administration, in which public money is faithfully applied, appointments are made on grounds of merit, efficient service is rigorously exacted, graft is reduced to a minimum, and the nation from official duty are sternly punished, and a high standard of official morality is maintained. We claim it in the nature of a self-controlled democracy, more than a century has established against all denunciations the competency of the American people to govern themselves in law abiding propriety.

WANAMAKER'S WIRELESS.

Sends Message to His Alternate Elector the President.

Philadelphia, June 18.—John Wanamaker, one of the Pennsylvania delegates to the republican convention, who had been requested to accept the nomination of President Taft, today sent a wireless dispatch from the steamer Wilhelm II, for transmission to Edward Randolph Wood, his alternate in the convention. The steamer will not reach New York in time to permit Mr. Wanamaker to reach Chicago as planned, but the message is in the nature of a second speech. It says in part:

"The eyes of the whole world rest today upon this convention. The republic of America has been for 150 years the object of the admiration and emulation of the world. It is its successful progress with its heritage to leadership.

"William H. Taft holds the certificate of ability, courage and honor in calmer moments. He has worthy served the term of four years of hard labor in his supreme office.

"He has gained in wisdom and is better prepared today than ever to conduct the affairs of the ninety million people. I second his nomination for the presidency for two reasons to which I can personally testify.

"First, that radical changes in the administration mean further depression and losses to labor.

"Second, uncertainty and instability in the conduct of public affairs means distress and demoralization in business.

"William H. Taft, in my opinion, is much more qualified than any other man in sight to take charge in the confusion and confusion and to relieve labor and business from the uncertainty and instability in the conduct of public affairs which are many."

Bridgeport.

The Bridgeport emergency hospital will establish a card index system to help the old and infirm to find their way to the hospital for many years.

Condensed Telegrams

The Steamer Cameron brought 18 Scotch brides-to-be to this country.

Postal Savings Banks were extended to every postoffice station in New York city.

The Rev. Elmer Orlando, a Brooklyn minister, was run down and killed by a motor bus in Boston.

Major Eli H. Jarney, field quartermaster on the staff of Robert E. Lee during the civil war, died in Alexandria in his 80th year.

The Stork Was Generous to John Andrews of Rockport, Mass., leaving him a total of 17 pounds of baby in three feminine installments.

Receiver R. L. Curtis of the New Berlin, N. Y., National bank, which was wrecked by Cashier F. T. Arnold, has declared a dividend of 50 per cent.

The Degree of Bachelor of Arts was conferred upon 265 young women yesterday at the Smith college commencement exercises.

A Boiler Exploded on a Steam shovel on the Catskill New York aqueduct, at Cold Spring, N. Y., last night. The boiler was killed. The engineer was seriously injured.

About 60 Per Cent. of Maine's voting strength will not be allowed to vote in the primaries this year because of a misunderstanding of the purpose of the enrollment feature.

Mrs. Naro Hand of Binghamton, N. Y., served her husband a cold boiled in his fur for supper. Mr. Hand promptly had her arrested. She was sent up for six months, charged with intoxication.

George Kaib, a New York Postman, was shot through the leg by his own revolver while he was running for a train. The gun was in his back pocket and was discharged when it fell.

Former Congressman Edwin C. Burleigh of Augusta will go before the Maine legislature when it meets next week to demand that it unite States senator from Maine.

Louis Murphy, Assistant Cashier of the West Side Union Savings bank of Columbus, O., has been arrested on a charge of embezzling \$100. Murphy's shortage may reach \$10,000.

A Monument to Battalion Chief Walsh, who lost his life in the fire that destroyed the Equitable Life building in New York, was unveiled in Holy Cross cemetery, Brooklyn.

The Interstate Commerce Commission yesterday, upon its own initiative, ordered an investigation into the rates, practices and regulations which apply to railroad transportation of hard coal.

Mabel Hite, the Actress, who was operated on for appendicitis a week ago, is not likely to recover, according to a statement from her physicians today.

The Large Mill of the Oakland Manufacturing company, wood workers and dealers in southern lumber, at Gardiner, Me., was destroyed by fire yesterday, with a loss of \$35,000.

Clark College of Worcester, Mass., observed its tenth birthday yesterday, and sent out its eighth class of graduates, conferring the degree of bachelor of arts upon 68 men.

Chester Yates Was Arrested yesterday at San Francisco on information from the New York police, in which he is charged with having robbed an aged banker of \$50,000 worth of bonds in that city a year ago.

Samuel Brand, a Professional firebug of Brooklyn, who admitted that he received from \$10 to \$100 for each fire, was sentenced to from 1-12 to 15 years in Sing Sing for arson in the third degree.

Judge McDonald in the superior court at Chicago yesterday signed a decree granting a divorce to Mrs. Cecil Davis, wife of Richard Harding Davis, the author. No provision for alimony is made in the decree.

The Connecticut Progressive association, a Roosevelt supporter, yesterday, had adopted a platform upon which it is understood a Roosevelt state ticket is intended to be launched this fall.

The Milwaukee Physicians' association will prepare a bill for the next legislature intended to stop the practice of keeping patients in the hospital as a plot on civilization and a menace to health and decency.

Jewelry Worth Between \$12,000 and \$15,000 was stolen from the safe in the summer residence of George M. Studebaker of Chicago, at Little Rock, Ark., near North Hampton, N. H.

Hugh McDowell, who was a delegate to the first republican convention, held in Pittsburg in 1854, died in his home at Channahon, Ill., aged 97, Sunday. He was under 24 presidents and voted for 19 of them.

Evelyn Nesbit Thaw will probably take the witness stand to testify for the state and against her husband, who is now fighting in the supreme court for his release from the hospital for criminal insane, at Mattawan, N. Y.

John P. Cudahy, the Kansas City banker, and his wife, who became estranged when Cudahy attacked Joe E. Lillie, the bank president at the former home, slaying him with a knife and disfiguring him for life, announced yesterday that they had become reconciled.

OBITUARY.

Charles T. Hotelling.

Greenwich, Conn., June 18.—Charles T. Hotelling, president of the State Tree Wardens' association, died at his home here today, aged 53. He had been in ill health for several months. He is survived by a widow and two sons.

John Henry Holmes.

Wayland, Mass., June 18.—John Henry Holmes, formerly editor in chief and publisher of the Boston Herald, died at his home here today, following an illness of several months. He was 80 years old. He joined the Herald staff in 1874 as editor of the Sunday edition and later became managing owner, retiring in 1908.

Captain Norris of San Francisco was the guest of the city of Los Angeles in Hawaii in the yacht "Seagull."